

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend page 3, lines 17-30 to page 4, lines 1-9 as follows:

As stated, any prior-art or legacy device meeting minimum requirements may be incorporated in the networked system in this manner. Specifically, in order to interface with the networked system the legacy device must have one of the following two features.

1. A data output to a serial printer or other serial device.
2. A database, stored on a computer, for which there is an ODBC (Open Data Base Connectivity) driver.

Data is captured from the legacy system devices in one of two ways:

1. Capturing data using a serial out—The data is captured by a PC having two serial ports and an Ethernet connection. The serial output from the legacy component is connected to one serial port, the legacy printer or other serial legacy output device is connected to the other serial port, and a network is accessible via to the Ethernet connector. When data is sent by the legacy component, it is received through one serial port, forwarded to the printer or other serial device through the other serial port, and sent to the networked system server through the Ethernet connection.
2. Capturing data using ODBC—The data is captured by the computer where the legacy system database is stored. This computer may be the networked system server or may be a different computer where the legacy system software is installed, in which case the computer must have an Ethernet connection. The networked system periodically scans the legacy database using the ODBC driver. New data detected by the networked system that has been stored in the legacy database is sent to the networked system server. If the computer is the networked system server, the data is sent using inter-process communication, otherwise the data is sent through the Ethernet connection.